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**FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

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I believe I am the original and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **LACE SECURING AND ADJUSTING DEVICE**, which is identified as Attorney Docket Number 13318.1001 of the law firm **SPECKMAN LAW GROUP**, and of which the specification

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on June 24, 2003 as Application No. 10/603,380.

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